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CHAPTER EXVI. Concluded. INGOMAR'S STORY CONTINUED.

When I was conducted into the alidentity. court room by the deputy sheriff, his honor, Judge Flaxback, occupied a bird. A large crowd of village judge impatiently. idlers had assembled in the house, manity; exhibiting in his person a book. and dress unmistakable evidence His nose had evidently been bro- screamed Flaxback. ing for the inspection to be comple. Diction that she had aided her hus ted, before proceeding with the band in making his excape. have excellent bottom, and will dismount at the station as the train carry you as swift as the wind." ted, before proceeding with the band in making his excape, case. Flaxback was one of those men who continue to live, because they haven't get energy enough to die. When a drop of blool starts husband to effect his escape?" ntes, and then in a voice sounding was in tears.

the face of a majority of the specta- induces them to do it." neglected to return the writ.

old duck listening for thunder, sent, if the court please, that Mr. and then the next day to go back to other young possile were laughing when her puddle had gone dry Demar may be discharged."

The station and get our horses and and taking in a lively manner, While all this nonsense was being there had the prisoner be discharged, deliver them to the owner. I then while their frequent bursts of merrical bursts of m fering indescribable tartura; every he ordered the officer to adjourn as a reward for his taithful services; sounds. Every new outpurst of moment of time seemed to be court, and the great farce was en then dashed away as fast as my gal- their joy, scaled on my sorrowworth a mint of money to me, yet is ded.

g. F. FORD, Editor and Publisher. ended, but for Harry's thoughtful-ADVERTISEMENTS

do; and he would have signed his sion. Judicial murder has been titudes of native songsters, whose committed in the State where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with nearly for the first insertion and fifty cents objection. Mr. Deediddle now so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with so unjustly punished by imprison-ravishing music; whilst the delimated in the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears with the state where I was sweet warble greeted our ears w

the judicial bench; fixing his lit. clerk began to hunt for the Bible. put to death, and before his body Well did I remember with what de-

attracted there no doubt by the pe- ed; he grabbed up a book, which he ton was innocent. This scene was with a review of the happy scenes culiarity of the case. Flaxback thought was the Bible, but when enacted in a county adjoining the through which I passed with my reminded me of an Egyptian he found out that it was "Mark one where I had been so unjustly darling. Then when the awful mammy, that I had seen in Bar. Twain's Innocence Abroad," he let held as a prisoner. Who shall be present came up for review, I closed num's maseum. He was a little it fall on the floor and began to able to repair the injury so wrong-my eyes and tried to shut out the dried up specimen of decaying hu- grab at every thing in the shape of fully inflicted on me, who will ever dreadful reality. When we were

of dissipation and dilapidation. es, Mr. Clerk, I'll send you to jail,' Such were the questions that came then observed:

room had his eyes rivited on me, The district attorney put her or spur to urge them on. staring with open mouth at me through a rigid cross examination like children do at an elephant; —not because he thought she was said the owner of the noble animals without endangering his life. My whilst Flaxback seemed to be wait swearing falsely, but he had a sus-

from such a man's heart, with a view "Harry sprang to his feet in a on we dashed. We had placed convey to my audience a correct of making a journey to his extrem- moment, his eyes flashing with an- ten miles of ground between us and idea of my feelings, when I began ities to turnish a little life to them, afraid he was going to commit the courier coming at a gallop to see Lottic, before death claim-knowing that the chances are ten to one in favor of its freezing to death tain us, when I was so anxious to with perspiration, convincing me with my pencil intending to have it sat and mostiently be flying towards Lottie; but I had that he had been hard pressed sent forward from the next office, watched the strange looking judge, cause to change my mind very soon. The lad dashed up, and handed me notifying Doctor Dodson that we wandering why he did not proceed for he made a very modest, but elo a dispatch. to dispose of my case. He contin quent appeal to the court, in be- "I had to wait two hours at the home that night. Here is the idenued to eye me, for full thirty min- half of the unfortunate wife, who office before the answer came," tical telegram. I have been care-

like that made with a file, when "t appeal to this honorable court," op in my hand.

"DEAR DOCTOR: We are aboard of being used to sharpen a hand saw, said he, "to protect this unfortunate This time I was prepared for the the train, "and will be home tohe ordered the clerk to read the lady; her condition is such as to en- awful news; hence I did not feel night. For heaven's sake don't let sheriff's return on the writ of na- title her to the sympathies of all such a shock, as I had felt when my darling die before we come. "No return made, sir," said the quire her to answer questions that u.c. though the news was worse at Grenada. We are due there at clerk, as he began to grab promis would tend to criminate her; and than that contained in the first tel- eight o'clock. Tell Lottie that we cuously about, snatching up every even if the law did not protect her egram. But you would probably are begging God to spare her dear paper in sight, and looking like he the dictates of common humanity understand matters better by hear life. Cheer her up with hope; I was bunting for a small hole to should be a sufficient motive to in- ing the telegram read; it is from can't bear the thought of loosing duce the honorable attorney for Doctor Dodson who remained with my precious darling. I shall not "Where's the sheriff" demand- the State to withdraw such a quested the judge, in a voice which tion. We must remember that we was evidently meant to be loud and have been taught to admire the desago was received. I deeply regret threatening, but really it didn't votion which a true wife feels for that I have nothing but the worst to, who promised to forward it withamount to a respectable whine. her husband. A true wife will not news to communicate; our darling out delay. Then I dropped down "Fact is, may it please your hon- torsake her husband when mistor- Lottie is slowly but sucely passing on my seat, and spent every moor," said Mr. Deediddle, "the sheriff tunes overtake him; but the greater away. She may possibly live twen-ment in earnest prayer. Harry has just stepped over to Mr. Dick are his troubles, the closer she will ty-mur hours longer, though I buried his face in his hands and Sninkle's saloon to get a glass of cling to him; and it should prompt think she will due to night. I ground about. I could hear his every true gentleman to respect would be so glad if you and Harry agonizing grouns above the rattling A smile might have been seen on the noble sentiment of love that could get here before she dies, be noise made by the swift moving

ters; they all knew that water did When Harry took his seat, a muriety to see you. She says she does for was an old acquaintance and not agree with the sheriff. The of mur of approval was heard among not feel a particle of pain. God friend of mine; he had heard of the ficer soon made his appearance, the spectators, and the district at seems to be merciful in that respect, troubles by which I was surrounded and the judge asked why he had torney said: "I fully indorse the Her mind remains perfectly clear, and when he came to collect the eglected to return the writ.

sentiments to eloquently expressed and she converses rationally, but fare, he gave my hand a gentle. The writ commanded me to by my young friend, and will must of her conversation is about press with his own as he observed: bring the body of Edward Demar, therefore not press the question you and Harry. I believe if she "I hope it is not as bad as you before the court, and here he is; further; and I will also say to the could see you, it would greatly re-seem to think, Demar; you descrive "Mr. Clerk," said Flaxback, "en- Mr. Demar has been unjustly im | would passaway without a struggle, you will meet it." ter a fine of ten dollars, against Mr. prisoned. I was well acquainted if you could reach home to-night. I saw a sympathetic tear trem-Postolder, for failing to return the with Edward Debar; and I hesitate you might see her before she dies, bling in the eye of this generous writ, and unless the return is in not to say that I never saw two men May God, in His great mercy, give friend. A party of young ladies and stantly made, the fine will be doub- so much alike as he and Mr. Demar; you courage and strength to bear gentlemen occupied sents just in The sheriff was so badly confused I think a considerable difference fortitude. that he did not know what he was might be detected. Debar had a Assoon as I finished reading this young husband; while her beautiful about; he cast an imploring look at slight scar over his left eye which telegram I handed it to Harry; then eyes watched his handsome, manly the clerk, made a dash at a pile of slone would be sufficient to distin- told the messanger to go to the vil- face, and she seemed to be intoxipapers on the clark's desk, then guish bim from the prisoner now at lage and remain 'til morning, so as cated with the draughts of love she looked up at the celling, like an the bar. I therefore give my cont to give his horse the necessary rest; was drawing from his eyes. The

was being wanted by those people! No doubt the judge and all of his beautiful landecape, that akirted | | powersum aversoon rate |

as if it was valueless. There is no officers imagine that they had done each side of the road we were travtelling when the farce would have for me a very great favor in release ling, was thickly covered with a ness. He took the writ, and in to feel grateful. Now, I am in fa- ash trees, whose branches were three minutes wrote out the re- vor of a faithful enforcement of the clothed with a charming verdure turn, and requested the sheriff to laws; but the law is often used by indiginous to the South. The sursign it, which he was very glad to unworthy men as a means of oppres- rounding forest was filled with mulobjection. Mr. Deediddle now so unjustly punished by imprison ravishing music; whilst the delimate a raid to the front, and began to address the court:

The case of young Boynton, clous fragrance arising from innumentioned by Mr. Wharton in his merable wild riowers impregnated "Fact is, your honor, it is unnectireatise on criminal law might be the air with an intoxicating scent. essary to enter into an investiga- cited in proof of this. That poor The enchanting scenery caused my tion of the circumstances connect- boy was hung by the neck until he mind to wander away to Lottie's ed with the murder of Mr. Clanton, was dead, for a crime he did not little l'aradise, where I had so often as this is purely a question of per commit. He was a mere lad, only strayed by her side, listening to sonal identity. If the prisoner at eighteen. He was charged with the dove-like tones of her voice, the bar is not Edward Debar, why the murder of Mr. Ellis; and when drinking the rich draughts of de-of course he will be discharged - he was lead out by the sheriff to be light which her sweet lips bestowexecuted, he began to scream ed. Then my thoughts flew back The district attorney consented and beg the spectators to save him, to the good old days of my childthat the investigation might be declaring before God that he was hood, reviewing the happy hours confined to the question of person-innocent. He leaped from the when I was tramping along the dusscaffold into the arms of the assem- ty road, watching with eager de-"Swear your witnesses, Mr. bled multitude, imploring them to light the rise and fall of Lottie's Clerk," growled the judge. The protect him. Poor boy! he was little feet as she walked by my side. tle round eyes on me, he eyed me the with the dust, the real votion I had loved her then, and like a snake endeavoring to charm nesses, Mr. Clerk?" screamed the murderer died, and on his death-how my love had continued to inbed contessed that he had murder- crease until it had become a part of The clerk became worse confus | ed Mr. Ellis, and that young Boyn- my existence. My mind was busy know the extent of the wrong? who within five miles of the railway sta-"If you don't swear these witness- shall give back to me my dear angel! tion, Harry looked at his watch and ereamed Flaxback. marching across my mind then. "If we get to the station in time By this time the clerk could have Three minutes had scarcely elapsed, for the up-train, we will have a close ken, with a heavy blow of some By this time the clerk could have Three minutes had scarcely elapsed, for the up-train, we will have a close sort, for an ugly scar appeared run- been passed off as a first class ma after my release, when Harry and race indeed; we have only twenty ming horizontally across his face, his actions were frightful; he I were mounted on our high-met-minutes to make the five miles," whilst dis nostrile flared out threw out both hands in every diwards presenting rather an ugly rection, and at last snatched up road at a rapid speed. I knew that ed who had a more tender regard appearance. He rested his chin on a plank in front of his seat, and continued to gaze at me with a la zy, half-asleep sort of a stare that caused my cheeks to burn with like her husband. Lyas not the man indignation. Every man in the like her husband, I was not the man good mettle, and needed no whip his speed. I knew it would distress

"Let them go as fast as you like," time; yet I believed he could do it,

over, but we never halted; but on, train began to afove. I wish I could

said the boy as he placed the envel- ful to preserve them:

and press him both, to make it in . were on the train and would reach

good men. The law does not re- the other dispatch was handed to Send an answer, so it will meet us

try to live if she dies. cause she expresses such great anx. train as it dashed on. The conduc-

court that I am fully satisfied that lieve her mind, and that then she a better fate; and I carnestly hope

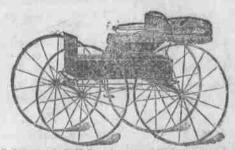
though if they were both present, this great loss with becoming front of me, and among them was a DODSON." bride leaning on the shoulder of her lant steed doubl carry me. The stricken soul like cold duit steel be-

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